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In re application of: Steven E. Koenck, et al.

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A RADIO FREQUENCY COMMUNICATION NETWORK"

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION**

By way of supplement to the response filed 1/7/2002, with a Petition for a  
Three-Month Extension of Time, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the  
following further amendments seeking to place the Applicant in better condition  
for formal allowance.

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## **IN THE SECIFICATION**

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- (a) powering up the transceiver;
- (b) sensing the communication channel for a first predetermined time;
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- (d) if during the sensing of the communication channel the channel did not remain clear, waiting for a second predetermined time, and branching to step (b).--

## **REMARKS**

Pursuant to section 1 at page 2 of the Official Action of 7/5/01, Applicant is proposing by the amendment to claim 9 to add "channel" at the end of line 12 of the original claim.

Applicant also proposes to update the Incorporation By Reference section to show the present status of the referenced applications.

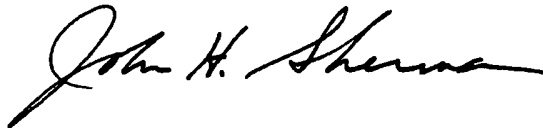
Attached hereto is marked-up version showing the changes made to the specification and claim 9 by the current amendment. The attached pages 5 and 6 are captioned "VERSION WITH MARKING TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Applicant respectfully requests that the indicated amendments be entered and favorably considered.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks and for various other reasons, Applicant respectfully requests a favorable consideration of all the claims as now presented, and a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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